

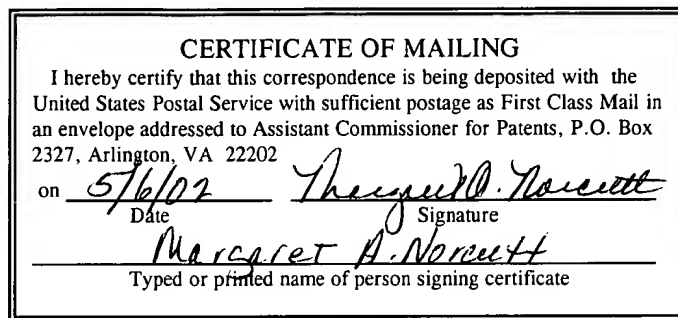
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Matthew B. Wall and Timothy R. Wall

Application No.: 09/898,501 Group: 2123

Filed: July 3, 2001 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A DECENTRALIZED  
MODEL ON A COMPUTER NETWORK



Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)		(COL. 2)		(COL. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	16	MINUS	* 20	
INDEP	4	MINUS	** 4	
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

\* not fewer than 20  
\*\* not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$9	\$
X \$42	\$
+ \$140	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$18	\$
X \$84	\$
+ \$280	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for the following fees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Petition for [ ] month Extension of Time	\$	_____
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A check is enclosed in payment of the following fees:

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	TOTAL:	\$	<u>0</u>

[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 1, please replace the line directly below the Express Mail box with the following:

Inventor(s): Matthew B. Wall and Timothy R. Wall

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4 through 21 with the following paragraph:

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